

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (month / year): March 2010

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Address: 1202 Main Street

Historic Name: Aaron Frost House

Uses: Present: Multi-Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: c1800

Source: Tewksbury Historical Society & Vital
Records

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (with dates):

Replacement Siding (Late 20th Century)

Replacement Windows (Early 21st Century)

Condition: Deteriorated

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.36 Acre

Setting: Located near the intersection of Chandler and Main Street, a busy travel corridor.

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TEWKSBURY

1202 Main Street

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The two story dwelling at 1202 Main Street rests on a granite foundation. The five by one bay dwelling has been altered by replacement materials and for use as a two-family residence. The walls are clad in vinyl siding and the windows have been replaced by 1/1 replacement sash windows. A second story entrance on the north façade is accessed by a modern pressure treated wood stair. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The centrally located entrance is located in a small one story front addition. A brick chimney projects from the rear (east) slope of the side gable roof. To the rear (east) of the dwelling is a one-and-a-half story gable addition with an end wall chimney. The rear ell is connected to a one-story addition. The rear ells feature paired 1/1 double hung sash windows.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

According to the Tewksbury Historical Commission the house at 1202 Main Street was constructed c1800, while Assessor's records indicate the house was constructed c1700. The house is locally known as the Brown Homestead. Additional deed research would be necessary to determine any early 19th century or 18th century owners, no Browns were identified in property valuations, deed research or street directories.

The house was occupied in the 19th century by Aaron Frost, Jr, a wheelwright and trader. Frost (b.1802) was the son of Aaron and Susannah Frost. Aaron Frost Jr. married Mary Ann Jaques in 1829. Aaron had a shop to the south of the house. Aaron and Susannah Frost lived in Tewksbury and they possibly could have lived in this dwelling. The Frost married in 1800, which would coincide with the date of construction locally accepted by the Historical Commission.

In the last decade of the century the house was owned by Samuel Babcock, a flagman at the Livingston Street RR Crossing house. According to property valuations in 1890 Babcock owned a house, barn, and paint shop, probably in the wheelwright shop built by Aaron Frost. Samuel Babcock died 1906-1910 and it appears from street directories that the house was then occupied by Joseph Babcock, a crossing tender at the Livingston Street RR Crossing.

Additional owners include: Felix Laliburte (1960s); Mary [Lalibertie] Thomas, Joseph Lalibertie, and Eugene Lalibertie (1979); Mark & Patricia Harvey (1979-2002); and Brian Stephens (2002-2009)

Joseph and Mary Lalibertie operated Tewksbury Cabins.

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